

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

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67. By the DOE's response to Question #40, it appears the site tour script must now be addressed in regards to contract scope. However, the site tour script directly conflicts with the RFP Attachment C-3 in two instances. First, for the 01-14 building, the site tour script states "DOE intends for this facility to be removed during the contract period", whereas the RFP Attachment C-3 identifies the contract end state as "Decontaminated". Second, for the NDA Trench Soil Container, the site tour script states "During the contract period, it is DOE's intent that the waste be removed and disposed, and the facility removed", whereas the RFP Attachment C-3 identifies the contract end state as "Decontaminated and waste removed". Additionally, the contract starting point for these 12 buildings/systems identified by the script is unknown and not communicated via RFP Attachment C-3, "Contract Starting Point". Only the incumbent currently understands their current status and can adequately prepare a bid, therefore, this status information would need to be better defined and communicated to other prospective bidders.

It is requested that the scope for these buildings/systems be returned to the original RFP contract starting point assumption of Attachment C-3 (i.e. buildings/systems removed prior to start of the contract period). This will resolve the noted discrepancies above, allow for common scope understanding amongst contractors bidding this project, and simplify and equalize the evaluation during bid review. If this request cannot be accommodated, we request an addendum to the RFP to officially bring these 12 buildings/systems into the scope of the contract (the site tour script contains discrepancies with the RFP that need to be resolved), to establish the contract start point for these buildings/systems to ensure a fair competitive bidding process, and to communicate information missing from the RFP Attachment C-3 (Example, for the Sample Storage and Packaging Facility the Facility Type, Current RCRA Status, and facility dimensions are not provided in the RFP). It appears DOE's original intent was not to have the facilities to be removed prior to contract start costed as part of the proposal. We request the costs remain excluded from the proposal basis.

Answer: As stated in the tour registration notice, the site tour was conducted for informational purposes only and that any statements and/or representations made during the site tour were not binding. Offerors were cautioned that the ONLY controlling documents/information is the Request for Proposal and any amendments thereto. Regarding the specific question related to several buildings that may removed prior to award of the contract; for the purpose of proposal preparation, the Offerors shall assume the condition stated in "Contract Starting Point" including the parenthetical description (RFP Section C, Attachment C-3), is the contract start point. For example, if the "Contract Starting

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Point" states "Operational (Anticipated to be removed prior to award of contract)," the Offeror shall assume that the "Contract Starting Point" is that the facility has been removed, and the cost to remove it should not be included in the Offeror's proposal. Also see updated response to Question 40.

68. What are the total assets in the benefit plan(s)?

Answer: The total value of the assets in the benefit savings plan is \$54,333,852.15.

69. What is the total number of participants in the benefit plan(s)?

Answer: Two tables have been extracted from the 10/12/05 Actuarial Valuation Report required by ERISA entitled Summary of Key results - Participant Information and Summary of Key Results - Assets and Liabilities. These two tables provide the information requested and have been posted on the web site under Workforce Breakdown and Pay and Benefits link in Reference Documents.

70. Please advise the level of the facility security clearance required for this contract.

Answer: The WVDP is a Class C facility. This category is based on approval to possess Category IV, Attractiveness Level E, Special Nuclear Material. WVDP is not authorized to possess classified matter or material. DOE anticipates the WVDP to remain a Class C facility.

71. If the bidding entity is majority owned by U.S. companies whom have already obtained individual corporate facility clearances, we assume the bidding entity will be afforded the opportunity to obtain a favorable FOCI determination by agreeing to mitigate FOCI in accordance with the requirements of the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual and DOE Order 470.4. Please confirm that our understanding is correct.

Answer: Offerors (whether majority U.S. owned or not) or their legal representatives will be afforded the opportunity to obtain a favorable FOCI determination and/or may propose a plan to mitigate, negate or reduce unacceptable FOCI in accordance with applicable order requirements; however, DOE reserves the right and has the obligation to impose any security method, safeguard, or restriction it believes necessary to preclude unauthorized access. DOE will adhere to order requirements when making FOCI determinations.

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72. As part of Volume II, Technical Approach, L.4(a)(1), the RFP requires the Offeror to provide a WBS with descriptions to Level 4 for the project and to Level 5 for the MPPB and RHWF decontamination with a crosswalk which correlates the WBS to PWS. This will require several pages to list as part of the Technical Approach. We suggest that the WBS be excluded from the 50 page limited page count for the Technical Approach Section.

Answer: The page limitations for the technical approach section will remain as written. Alternatively, the WBS, WBS descriptions, and the crosswalk correlating the WBS to the PWS could be presented in a large table on foldout pages.

73. L.4(a)(1) requires the Offeror to provide an organization chart detailing functional elements to the first tier supervisors. Define first-tier supervisors – first-tier from workers up or from management down?

Answer: The organization chart provided should be to the first tier from management down.